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President's Message

As we all work our way through a very cold and often wet winter, let me make a few suggestions to the Maryland State Numismatic Association membership. Winter time is a great opportunity to attend a coin show. With little to do outside until spring time, go to a coin show. There are several good ones in the winter months. Look at the coin show list found elsewhere in the Maryland Numismatist. Bob Ruby works hard to ensure all the state shows get listed as well as those in some of the surrounding states. BANC (the Baltimore Area Numismatic Coalition) just had a great show on 1 Feb. I hope many of you were able to attend. There are several good shows in March. Give them a try.

As a collector, the winter is a great time to devote some attention to organizing that collection. Update your list / data base so you will know what you have and equally as important what material is duplicate or no longer desired so you can trade, sell or auction that material. One collector's dupe is another collector's find. Winter time is also a good time to work on that exhibit you have always been thinking of doing. Look at your collection to see if you can build an exhibit to share your knowledge and holdings with other collectors. Exhibits need not be competitive. Local coin clubs are always looking for speakers and exhibits as part of their educational enrichment programs. Speaking of local clubs, winter is a great opportunity to renew old acquaintances if you have been a regular member. If you are a regular attendee, try to bring a new, potential member -- maybe a collector friend who just has not made the effort to get into a club. Bears may hibernate in the winter but the collecting fraternity should take this opportunity to become active before some of the spring and summer distractions are upon us.

As most of you know by now, MSNA (as well as several other local organizations) is mourning the loss of Pete Burris. Marvin "Pete" Burris was a past President of MSNA and a tireless worker and a regular volunteer. It is folks like Pete who make organizations like MSNA grow and prosper. It was

an honor to have the "Redcoats" from the Maryland State Numismatic Association serve as pallbearers at his funeral. Pete will be missed in so many ways. The loss of Pete will leave a big vacuum. We need people to step up and help carry the load. Please consider what you might do to volunteer to help out MSNA or any of the MSNA member clubs. Any time and effort you give will be greatly appreciated. Not everyone can be a "Pete Burris", but everyone can help in some way or another.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the **South Glen Burnie Coin Club** as they move from Member Club status to Life Member Club. MSNA welcomes your new status and thanks you for this commitment.

Edward L. Craig
MSNA President

Member Club News

The **Colonial Coin Club** of Annapolis has announced the club officers for this year. They are President - Betty Meck; Vice President - Arthur Cougnlin; Secretary - Don Strittmatter and Treasurer - Bob Meck. Board members are Rod Frederick, Walt Dunn Bob Powell and Thad Jackson.

The **Carroll County Coin Club** also announced their club officers for the current year. They are President - Fred Hooper; Vice President - Lester White; Secretary - Betty Erb and Treasurer - Dominic Dattilio.

The **Middle River Coin Club** has issued an elongated Maryland State quarter and a elongated 1960 penny to commemorate the 1000th club meeting, from May 1960 to January 2004. A quantity of 100 state quarters and 200 Lincoln cents were rolled. The club meets at the Middle River Rec Center, Compass Road and Martin Blvd. on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday at 7:30 PM. Guests are welcome and refreshments served. See page 8 for elongated purchase details.

The **South Glen Burnie Coin Club** has moved from Member Club status to Life Member Club Number 4.

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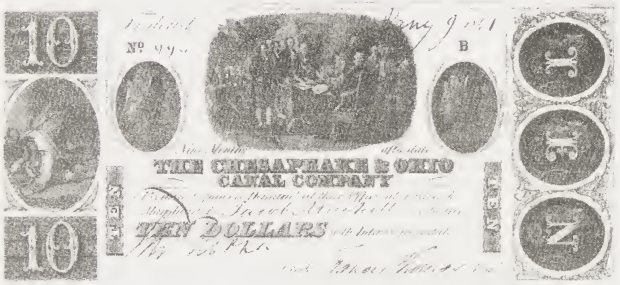

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The Chesapeake & Ohio Canal Company

The canal was begun as a proposed waterway along the established Potomac River and trans-Allegheny trade route to the Ohio River. It was the economic heir of the old Potomac Company, which had attempted unsuccessfully from 1785 to 1828 to fulfill George Washington's dream of developing a practical water route through the Potomac Valley.

Construction of the canal started on July 4, 1828 - the same day that construction of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad began in Baltimore. Legal, economic and labor problems beset the company from the beginning, culminating in very serious financial problems in 1838 and 1839.

The final 50.5 miles to Cumberland were not completed until 1850 - eight years after the B&O Railroad had reached that point. The Washington office of the company issued small denomination scrip in 1837. Both the Frederick and Washington offices issued $5, $10 and $20 denomination notes in 1840 and 1841.

Reference: Money & Banking in Maryland - P 314
Authors. Denwood N. Kelly, Armand M Shank, Jr and Thomas S. Gordon

The 2004 Souvenir Card is now available. The cost is $3.00 each or two for $5.00. Please make your check payable to MSNA and mail to MSNA Souvenir Card, P. O. Box 2, Fork, MD 21051. Previous years, 1982 to 2003 are also available for the same price. Please add $1.00 (for each set of three) for postage and handling.

REMEMBERING PETE BURRIS

Ernie Turnes

Pete Burris was very active in several local clubs, having been President of the Baltimore Coin Club, the Harford Coin Huskers and MSNA. He was also Treasurer of MD TAMS and BANC for several years and had an extensive collection of George Washington items.

I attended Pete Burris' funeral and was pleased that I was asked to be one of the pallbearers, along with Bill Stratemeyer, Bob Ruby, Walt Kitner, Bill Ayres, Bill Lenz, Bryce Doxzon and Karl Keller. We all wore the Maryland State Numismatic Association red jackets. (An official at the funeral home said that it has never been so easy to identify pallbearers.) It was nice to see that so many people from our hobby came to the funeral home and/or attended the funeral. That, of course, speaks of how well Pete was liked and respected.

When I think of Pete, my primary thought is that he was such a nice, genuine *gentleman*. I knew him about 12 years and I can't recall him ever saying an unkind word **to** anyone or **about** anyone. I remember when I first met Pete. I attended a meeting of the Baltimore Coin Club as a guest of Bill Stratemeyer. Bill had told me about the club and took me around and introduced me to many people. But Pete also did his best to make me--a complete stranger-- feel at home, inviting me to enjoy the refreshments and taking me aside to explain how the club worked. And I saw him do the same whenever a guest came to a meeting--to make the person feel comfortable.

We all have our impressions and remembrances of Pete. The following is a message that Joe Mashinski emailed to many of us when he learned of Pete's death:

I would like to share a few thoughts that I have of Pete. I recall helping Pete and several others unpack the display cases for the Baltimore ANA show in 1993. At 68 years old, Pete moved those cases faster than I could at age 28 years. I was also impressed to learn that Pete enjoyed riding his mountain bike, enjoyed working with computers, and he complemented his interest in computers by taking up digital photography long before most people even saw one of those cameras. Despite his white hair, he was a very young man at heart. I tried to keep up with Pete's car on several occasions when we left the Baltimore Coin Club meeting, but he drove like A.J. Foyt up Charles Street in Baltimore and left me in the dust - just as he did when we were setting up those display cases at the Baltimore ANA in 1993. He was a very nice person and always wore a smile, and I could not help but admire and like him. Joe

At Pete's funeral the Deacon who spoke urged us to do two things--to never stop telling stories about Pete and to always keep him in our prayers. I hope each of us will do both.

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An Abbreviated History of John Chalmers of Annapolis
By Hank Schab

Of his early life and youth, we know little or nothing. He was born about 1750 in Annapolis, the eldest son of James Chalmers, silversmith by trade and who was a prolific advertiser in the Maryland Gazette. His mother was Sarah Ridgeway. John had two brothers, James, Jr. (born in 1763) and William (born in 1758). The latter was unfortunately killed in an accident at the tender age of three.

John and his brother took up the silversmith trade, working with their father. Of his individual creations, very little is known, for all three Chalmers used the same trademark on their products. Early records do show that John made a silver cover for a book for Thomas Jefferson in 1785, plus several other items.

John was married about 1768 or 1769 and had two sons. John Jr. born in 1771 and Charles Bainbridge, who was born in 1810. The former became a noted missionary in Maryland. John was an officer in the Maryland Militia during the Revolutionary War and served primarily as a Recruiting and Supply Officer.

He served in the Annapolis Council in 1783. In the Annapolis census of 1783 he was listed as being in the upper 20% of the "well to do" in Annapolis. His household consisted of 2 slaves, 3 white males and 3 white females.

It was in 1783 that he produced the first silver coins in the colonies, shillings, 6 pence and 3 pence. My current records show he produced a total of 300 pieces. The location of his mint in unknown. In 1785 it is recorded that he became the first male member of the Methodist Society in Annapolis. He and his son, John Jr. traveled through Maryland and Virginia as missionaries preaching the Gospel.

He left Annapolis sometime between 1786 and 1791 for Baltimore and in 1813 an announcement appeared in a Baltimore paper that he had been appointed by the Governor to fill the remainder of a tern as Sheriff of Baltimore. Apparently he also became a ship chandler (maker and supplier of ship products) in Baltimore, along with members of his family.

An 1801 map of Baltimore shows several Chalmers houses in NE Baltimore in the vicinity of Harford Road and Oliver Street. During the War of 1812 both John and his brother served as privates in the militia and helped prepare the defenses of Baltimore against the approaching British.

He died on June 19, 1817 at the age of 67 and was buried in the "Burial Yard - Methodist Old Town" in Baltimore. John Chalmers was a silversmith, minter of coins, preacher, politician, and patriot - A very versatile man - A man Marylander's should be proud of.

Note: For more details on the man, please see the ANA Numismatist (November 1984) issue and the Coin World issue of 21 August 1985.

Middle River Coin Club Elongated for Sale

The Middle River Coin Club has issued an elongated Maryland State quarter and a 1960 Lincoln cent to commemorate the 1000th club meeting, from May 1960 to January 2004. Both elongated designs are: A row of stars around the outside edge with the initials WAS on left side / Middle River Coin Club / MD / Lincoln cent design / 1000th meeting / Indian Head cent design / May 1960 - Jan 2004. Both elongated coins are for sale at a cost of $1.00 (for one of each) plus S.A.S.E. Please mail to The Middle River Coin Club, Victory Villa Community Center, 404 Compass Road, Baltimore, MD 21220

Bus Trip to Pittsburgh 2004 ANA

The **Maryland Token and Medal Society (MD TAMS)** is organizing a one-day bus trip to the ANA 2004 Convention in Pittsburgh on Saturday, August 21, 2004. The bus will leave the first pick-up location at **6:00 A. M. (SHARP)** from **Pikesville, at the parking lot of the Reisterstown Road Bowling Center (AMF Pikesville Lanes 1723 Reisterstown Road),** (Route 140, Exit 20 south off I-695 for approx. 1 block and on your left, located behind the Ramada Inn). The second location is the **"Park & Ride" lot on Route 32, located just north of I-70 intersection at 6:20 AM (approx.).** There are plenty of parking spaces at both locations. We should arrive at the Pittsburgh Convention Center between 10:00 and 10:30 AM. The bus will leave the Pittsburgh Convention Center location at 5:00 P M. I would like to suggest that everyone arrive at each pick-up location about 10 to 15 minutes prior to departure time.

The cost of the trip will be **$55.00 per person (includes driver gratuity)**. The **bus seats 55** and **the cut off date for me to receive you check is before July 1, 2004**. Please make all checks payable to **ROBERT W. RUBY** and mail to **P. O. Box 174, Upperco, MD 21155**. In the event that I cannot get enough people interested, **all moneys will be refunded**. Money for cancellation requests received after the July 1st cut off will be refunded ***ONLY*** if the seat is re-occupied.

Upon arrival, all guests must register to get into the bourse area. Any patron who does not supply an ANA number will be registered as a "Non -ANA member".

Please furnish me with the following information **as soon as possible**; your name, address and phone number, ANA number (if applicable), the pick-up location of where you will get on the bus, along with your check.

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PHIL W. GREENSLET

Phil W Greenslet was the 5th President of the MSNA. He originally became member #253 in January of 1976 and later became Life Member #16. He served as president from January 1979 to April 1981.

Phil was born and raised in NW Pennsylvania and attended West Virginia Wesleyan College. Buckhannon, W. VA; Emory University in Atlanta, GA and Heidelberg University in Heidelberg, Germany. He served in the military as an Administrative Specialist in Fort Bragg, NC and Heidelberg, Germany.

He was married to Myra R. Watkins in 1958; they have four children; Jo Ellen; Jane Marie; Ken and John. He worked in retail management for 41 years and is now retired. He claims he has been an accumulator for 64 years; a collector for 30 and a numismatist for 18.

He is a past president of the Kent Coin Club; The Catonsville Coin Club; the Carroll County Coin Club and, of course, MSNA. He has been a member of the Canadian Numismatic Association, TAMS, MD TAMS and the Kent Coin Club.

Phil has spent a great deal of time on exhibits and has received over 300 exhibit awards including 14 ANA 1st place awards, 18 CNA 1st place awards and 2 CNA Best of Show Awards. His 1990 exhibit honoring Benjamin Franklin on the 200th Anniversary of Franklin's death was shown at the Franklin Institute, the Franklin Mint & the Ohio Historical Society, in Columbus, Ohio.

He, with son John as co-chair, Chaired the 1985 ANA exhibits in Baltimore, Maryland and was the 1991 ANA exhibits chair for the 100th anniversary convention in Chicago. He is the author of a definitive reference on metallic images of Benjamin Franklin entitled THE MEDALS OF FRANKLIN, TAMS 1994. As of 2002 was Director Emeritus on the Board of the Friends of Franklin, Philadelphia.

Minutes From October 23, 2003 - Summery

The Board of the MSNA Board convened on 23 Oct 2003 with thirteen officers and three members in attendance. Letters of thanks were received from ANA and from our charities.

Metro Coins will underwrite the cost of our 2004 raffle tickets. A potential show in Ocean City on Oct 27-30; late April and early May of 2005 were discussed.

Silver eagles for those working the MSNA and the ANA conventions were given out for distribution.

Bill Ayres was appointed historian and will also maintain MSNA's tax exempt status.

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Money Talks: RESPECTED ENGRAVER TURNED COUNTERFEITER

By Gene Hessler

Counterfeiters aren't always sleazy-looking guys with green eyeshades. One famous counterfeiter even came from a family of respected money engravers.

This is "A-N-A's Money Talks," and Luigi Delnoce (del-no-chee) was one of our nation's greatest engravers. He came to the United States from Italy in the middle of the 19th century.

One of Delnoce's sons, Angelo, was born just before his parents emigrated from Italy. Angelo Delnoce also became a bank note engraver---and a good one. Like his father, he was employed at the prestigious American Bank Note Company, where paper money was made for over 100 different countries.

The security engraving and printing world received a shock in 1893, when the New York Evening World reported the arrest of Angelo Delnoce. His wife confirmed that he had left her and their children four years earlier, when he succumbed to the advances of numerous women. In Staten Island, New York---where Angelo was living with another woman at the time of the arrest---Secret Service agent John Brooks found counterfeit plates and a million dollars in counterfeit Argentine paper money. Two printing presses, capable of printing enormous amounts of paper money, were also found. Agent Brooks believed that Delnoce was preparing to counterfeit U.S. currency Angelo Delnoce had already made more than one trip to Argentina probably to arrange for purchase and distribution of his counterfeit notes. When he left his wife, he had said he was going to South America to supervise bank note printing.

It's said that the engraver-turned-counterfeiter's father, Luigi Delnoce, dropped dead when he heard that his son's marriage had failed. Perhaps it's fortunate Luigi didn't live long enough to see his family name disgraced by a son who attempted to put their respected family skill as security engravers to illegal use.

Money Talks: *LOVE TOKENS*

By *Bill Fivaz*

The Beatles sang, "Money Can't Buy Me Love." But it can buy . . . love tokens. Generally speaking, a love token is a coin, which has had one side shaved off and initials, a name, or a scene engraved on it. This practice is believed to have started in England in the early 1800s, and spread to this country about 60 years later. It seems that it was a custom back then for a beau to give a gift to his lady friend to mark a special occasion.

Since coins were easily accessible and had an obvious value, it was common practice to take a coin to a jeweler and have it engraved. Maybe the man wanted just a name or, possibly, both their names and a date engraved on the coin. Often, a scene was carved which had a particular meaning to both people. But the most common engraving were initials---most of them very delicately done, and intertwined.

When completed, the gentleman gave the engraved piece to his lady as a token of his love---giving rise to the term "Love Token". There are thousands of different styles and subjects---and because each is carved or engraved by hand, all are unique. They're found on virtually every denomination of coin---from copper pennies to $5 and $10 gold pieces. Obviously, these higher value love tokens were from serious admirers---and many are found with raised white-, yellow- and pink-gold initials.

Most love tokens in this country are found on "Liberty Seated" dimes, minted in the mid to late 1800's. They can be purchased for anywhere from $10 to $25.

Love Tokens---a fascinating area of coin collecting..... and just imagine the stories they could tell! Perhaps you should consider one for your love on Valentine's Day.

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Members of the Maryland State Numismatic Association are reminded that one of the benefits of membership is an opportunity to win $50 for writing the best article to appear in *The Maryland Numismatist.*

The MSNA Literary Award will be presented to the writer of the best article published in an issue of the journal in the year ending with the annual MSNA Convention and Coin Show. The winning article:

- should be educational or informative of some aspect of the hobby, clubs or members of the Association, the Association itself, or other matters relevant to numismatics;
- does not have to include art work (sketches, photos, etc.);
- must be written by a member of MSNA who is in good standing;
- will be judged by a panel of three MSNA members, none of whom had articles published in the year being reviewed; and
- will be announced at the annual MSNA Convention and Coin Show.

The MSNA Literary Award will consist of a $50 gift certificate that can be used at the annual MSNA Convention and Coin Show. The judging panel may elect to present up to two awards each year or to not make an award based on articles published.

Anyone wishing to submit articles to *The Maryland Numismatist* may send them to the editor's address shown in this issue.

The winning article in 2003 was "A Gold Three Dollar Riddle Resolved" by Simcha Kuritzky.

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The United States Mint: A Frontier in History

By *Jeff Swindling*

In 1776, a fledgling country broke off from its mother, England. The founding fathers no longer wanted to be part of a sovereign state. So they stepped into a new frontier, creating and establishing a democratic republic. They named this new country The United States of America. But these new United States desired to be truly independent, so they needed a new currency, something that would be respected worldwide. This need led to a new frontier, the establishment of a federal institution called the United States Mint.

Conceiving the need for a new monetary system in the young United States of America, Congress wrote into the Constitution in 1788: "Congress shall have the Power . . . To Coin Money" (Constitution of the United States, Article I, Section 8). Congress passed legislation on April 2, 1792 for the creation and building of the U.S. Mint in the present nation's capital, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Thus the Constitution created a new landmark--the establishment of a federal mint to strike a new currency for the infant United States.

Prior to the establishment of the U.S. Mint, the colonists bartered or used foreign currency. Before 1695, it was not uncommon to see corn, English coins, wampum, and animals used as "money." During the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries, Spanish money became the dominant force in the colonies, owing to the large output of Spanish silver mines. But Spain and England were not the only countries whose coins circulated in America. Mexico, France, Italy and Brazil each produced coins, which circulated in America. By the late 1700's, however, Spanish dollars were the preferred medium of exchange. When the Articles of Confederation were passed, there was thought of establishing a national mint. The only action taken, however, was on the part of the colonies. Each colony used its own currency, struck at private mints. Congress later realized this practice was a

problem, because if each state had its own currency, they would never be truly united. To cross this frontier, when the Constitution was written, provisions were made for the elimination of private coinage and the establishment of a national Mint. The Mint was officially established by the Coinage Act of 1792, passed on April second of that year.

The Coinage Act of 1792 also stipulated many new employment opportunities. The new law created the positions of Director, Assayer, Chief Coiner, Engraver and Treasurer. The first Director of the Mint was David Rittenhouse, appointed by President Washington in April of 1792. Rittenhouse accepted in a letter dated July 9, 1792, and he laid the cornerstone to the new Mint on July 31. Albion Coxe filled the job of Assayer. Henry Voigt became the new Chief Coiner, the Chief Engraver was Robert Scot, and the first Treasurer of the Mint was Benjamin Rush.

David Rittenhouse purchased the property on which the new Mint was built for $4,266.67 in 1792. Planchets on which the new coins would be struck and the screw presses needed to strike them were bought from England. Watch dog and alarm bells were purchased for under $20 to guard the new mint building and it obviously kept away potential thieves. According to Mint records, the Mint's security has never been breached by a break-in.

The first coins minted by the new Mint were silver half dismes and dismes (the spelling was changed to "dime" in the mid-1800's) dated 1792. Urban legend states that George Washington himself donated his silverware to be melted down and made into coins. A host of other pattern coins were minted that year, but no general circulation coins were minted until 1793. George Washington did not wish to be featured on the coins because he believed having his portrait on coins would be too monarchical. English tradition held that the current leader of the country was to be featured on the coins. Washington took the unprecedented step of declaring his intention not to be featured on coins while he was in charge of America, thus establishing a new frontier in coinage design. Legislation was passed in Congress in the late 1790's stated that the obverse (heads) of a coin must show an allegorical representation of liberty, and the reverse (tails) must include a device with an Eagle. The first copper coins produced for circulation did not have all of these elements. These coins were popularly called "Chain Cents," getting the nickname from the design on the reverse of the coin. The words "United

States of America" were encircled by a chain and the words "One Cent 1/100". The chain was intended to represent the union of the first fifteen states. One link in the chain represented each state, forming an endless circle and symbolizing the concept of "with unity there is strength and singleness of purpose." This design represented artistically the new frontier in government defined by the U.S. Constitution. On the obverse of the coins was a representation of Lady Liberty. However, early Americans were not very responsive to this design. The Pennsylvania Gazette in 1793 ran stories with such comments as "Only slaves have chains" and "we are not prisoners! Our coins should not show the symbols of captivity!" They also believed that Liberty "looked frightened".

Following the mintage of copper large cents and half cents in 1793, the mintage of silver coins commenced in 1794 with the dollar and half-dollar coins. Only a few thousand dollar coins were minted in 1794, increasing their numismatic value today. The initial gold coins, the Half Eagles ($5), were minted the next year. By 1796, the young Mint was thriving, producing two types of copper coins, five silver coins and three different gold coins. On another frontier, the United States was the only country in the world on a dual-metal standard. While all other countries used a gold standard, the United States set a bimetallic standard, using both gold and silver.

Making coins those first few years was challenging. The coin metals were rolled on machines using only human and animal power. Then, the blanks were hand punched from the sheets of metal. After being weighed and corrected if necessary, these planchets were hand-fed into screw presses for striking. Mint employees could make a few hundred coins a day if they worked diligently. With the introduction of steam presses in 1836, the Mint could strike a few thousand coins per day. These totals seem insignificant when compared with the millions of coins made per day in the current mints. The technological frontier crossed with steam presses has been eclipsed by today's hydraulic presses.

Currently, the U.S. Mint is the world's largest producer of coins. Many renovations to the original Mint in Philadelphia, including five new buildings, have been made over its two hundred-year history. Branch mints were created, many established in the early to mid-1800's. At various times, branch mints were located in New Orleans, Louisiana; Dahlonega, Georgia;

Carson City, Nevada; and Charlotte, North Carolina. The only currently operating U.S. mints are in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Denver, Colorado; San Francisco, California and West Point, New York. In 1796, the mint was producing only thousands of ten different types of coins. Last year, the U.S. Mints made over five billion coins. With the new 50 States Quarter Program, the Sacagawea Dollar, and the cent, nickel, dime and half dollar each being struck at three different mints, the Mint now makes thirty different coins for circulation. With the addition of coins made specifically for collectors, the total could be as high as forty-five different coins minted every year.

The frontier envisioned with the creation of the U.S. Mint in 1792 has expanded far beyond what the founding fathers could possibly have imagined. The Mint controlled by the Department of the Treasury under the jurisdiction of the Department of the Interior, now not only "makes money," but it makes money, too. Currently the Mint is opening new frontiers by marketing numismatic products via its online catalog. Not only does the catalog sell specific numismatic products, it also includes coin jewelry and other collectibles. Through the Mint's commercial efforts, it has become the most profitable of all world mints. The 50 States Quarter Program is, to date, the Mint's most profitable venture. In this program the American public has the opportunity to design our nation's circulating coins. This is also a new frontier. Prior to this program, the Chief Engraver of the Mint has traditionally been commissioned to design all new coins. Commemoratives, created yearly to whet the appetites of collectors and to generate funds for selected institutions, are sold with small surcharges. For 2001, commemorative offerings included a gold and platinum bimetallic coin designed to benefit the Library of Congress. Through this innovative use of the commemorative coin program, the Mint is establishing a new frontier in government relations by financially assisting other governmental causes. The American Eagle Bullion Program, in place since 1986, provides precious metal investment opportunities and now includes gold, silver and platinum coins.

Very early in the history of the mint a landmark decision was made to focus solely on allegorical figures in coin designs. This unprecedented step moved the United States and its mint away from the traditions of European coinage. This was the first of many steps, which have helped to make the Mint one of the most dynamic entities of the United States government,

constantly exploring and conquering new frontiers along the way. What began as a government institution created to unite the monetary standard of individual states has become a capitalistic enterprise. The U.S. Mint has become a world leader, with Fortune 500 status. Its innovative marketing techniques include an online catalog. Over the years the U.S. Mint has proven that new frontiers can create opportunities, rather than obstacles. No matter what frontiers in coinage the future holds, the United States Mint should be ready to face the challenge.

Money Talks: *CROOKED PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION!*

By ***Bill Jones***

In 1876, Samuel Tilden lost the most controversial presidential election in American history. After eight years of Republican rule, marked by scandals and corruption, 1876 looked like a banner year for the Democrats and their presidential candidate, Samuel Tilden. Tilden was a well-liked governor from New York. The Republicans were running a "dark horse" . . . Rutherford Hayes, a candidate with limited appeal. Tilden had more votes in the Electoral College than Hayes, but he was one vote short of a majority. Candidate results in Florida, Georgia and Louisiana were still in doubt, and one of Oregon's electoral votes was in dispute. Hayes told a newspaper reporter that he had probably lost the election. To win, Hayes would need all 19 of the disputed electoral votes.

Congress appointed a commission of eight Republicans and seven Democrats to investigate the situation in the southern states. Not surprisingly, the commission's votes went strictly along party lines. Nineteen disputed electoral votes were awarded to Hayes. The final vote in the Electoral College was Hayes--185 votes, Tilden--184 votes.

For weeks, Tilden remained strangely silent, and when the final result was announced, he almost seemed to be relieved that he wouldn't have the burden of the presidency. His behavior infuriated Democrats. They were counting on a Democratic presidency to provide them with the ample patronage that went along with a change in administrations.

On June 12, 1877, Tilden's Democratic Party held a reception. The party members handed out medals that summed up their disgust with their candidate. Perhaps, if Tilden's supporters had issued more campaign medals before the election, their candidate may not have been the victim of perhaps the most fraudulent presidential election in our nation's history.

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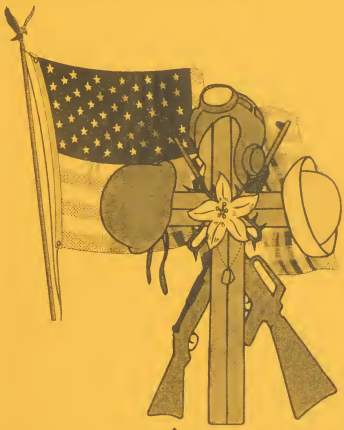

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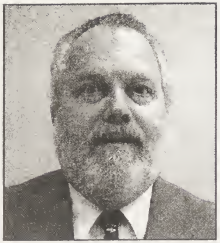


In this President's letter, I need to inform the membership about some recent, very important Maryland State Numismatic Association (MSNA) decisions. At the last MSNA board meeting, we had some critical issues on our plate. The discussion was lengthy and often spirited. I want to thank all those who attended and helped us make some key decisions with regard to both this year's and next year's annual MSNA conventions. When Tom Palmer, our 2004 Bourse Chairman, gave his regular report on the upcoming May 2004 convention at the Ramada Inn in New Carrollton, it became obvious that we were facing some difficult logistics and support issues that threatened the viability of having a successful, quality convention/show. As MSNA president, this was a very hard decision for me as this is only the second time in our organization's history that we have failed to hold our annual convention/show. As hard as this was, I fully support the board decision and voted myself to cancel.

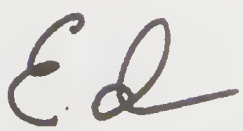
Scheduling and then canceling a show can have an extreme negative impact. We are concerned about this and hope to avoid any harmful results in several ways. First, Mr. Paul Singleton has worked closely with MSNA on this and has agreed to take over our originally scheduled convention dates at the Ramada. Holding his "Crab State" show on those same dates helps to greatly mitigate the impact of canceling the MSNA convention as any dealers already committed to those dates for MSNA can keep those dates with Paul. MSNA and Paul will be contacting those dealers separately. Also, any collectors who have already marked their calendar can still find a great coin show in New Carrollton (21-23 May). MSNA greatly appreciates Paul's help in making this a positive transition. I want to personally thank Paul for again being such a good friend to Maryland State. I also want to ensure all those who purchased MSNA raffle tickets from us over this year leading up to the May convention that we WILL be picking the lucky winners as planned and will notify the winners just as we do every year. Good luck - - hope you have a winning ticket!

Coming off a year where we will be having no convention, it is extremely important that Maryland State quickly rebound in 2005 and have a strong convention. The difficult challenge is how to do this. The dilemma we face is that we can no longer afford the Baltimore Convention Center as a location. Over the past few years, we have looked into numerous, new

potential show locations throughout the state trying to find an affordable location to host a large coin show. Until now, we have been unable to find such a location. We think we now have a very suitable location - - Ocean City, Maryland at the convention center. Before you ask, let me say the show will not be held during the summer tourist season. In fact, we are looking at October 2005. The 2005 show was the second big topic at our last meeting. Could we have a 2005 show at all, was Ocean City (OC) a viable location, etc. Once again, the board was put through its paces. There was long and thoughtful deliberation. The board was by no means unanimous in its choice; however, a majority of the board, to include your president, backed the continued research into the possibility of OC to the point where the board approved putting a deposit on the convention center to secure the dates. I want to ensure you that this was not a casual discussion and decision. We had a detailed review of an initial business case evaluation of the projected costs and several other show support issues.

To give you a bit more on Ocean City planning, we have contacted the Salisbury Coin Club and they have graciously agreed to help us in several ways. Bill Lenz attended one of their recent meetings to discuss them being the "Host Club" for the 2005 show in Ocean City. Bill and several others went to the Ocean City Convention Center to look at the logistics aspect of the show Bill has been there several times already as part of our planning. I want to thank him for his efforts as well as Paul Singleton who is helping MSNA once again. The 2005 show is extremely important. We need a great rebound from the disappointment of losing our 2004 show. You will be hearing much more on Ocean City in 2005 very soon. All I can ask now is for your support in concept, but you can be sure that as this plan unfolds, I will be asking for your tangible support.

Again, my thanks to the board for working through these challenges so professionally, effectively and efficiently. A diversity of views is always a healthy thing for an organization and our last meeting was a great example. All MSNA member clubs should know that their representation on the MSNA board is very important. Board meetings are open and we invite interested individuals to attend.



Edward L. Craig
President, MSNA

Minutes of January 29, 2004 Meeting

The Board of the MSNA convened on 29 Jan 2004 with eleven officers and four members in attendance.

MANA 2004: Tom Palmer said he had 19 bourse tables sold so far.

Bob Ruby handed out packs of raffle tickets to some clubs represented at the meeting and will mail them out to the rest of the member clubs. He said that the souvenir cards were printed and that he will get 3000 postcards printed for the convention mailing. Karl Keller noted that MSNA has received its show insurance policy. Larry Goldman reported that no bids were received for an auction.

The board voted to have an elongated made for 2004 and asked Millard Hajek to come up with a design, for the next board meeting. As to whether there would be exhibits; Tom Palmer said he would work on making a space for exhibits on the bourse floor if it does not fill up with dealers. Should the hall be full of dealers' exhibits would go into the side room. The board endorsed this idea and Walt Kitner agreed to be exhibits chairman.

MSNA 2005: Tom Palmer read a letter from Bob Harden indicating that the Salisbury Coin Club's interest in hosting the 2005 MSNA convention in Ocean City

OLD BUSINESS: He asked to change the journal format to an 8 ½ x 11 inch page size; after some discussion the board okayed the new format. Bob also gave out a report of the pewter MSNA-ANA medal sales. Don Curtis has six 4 medal sets and 17 copper color medals while Bob has 80 to 90 silver-plate medals. It was decided to turn over Don Curtis' medals to Bob while letting Don retain the medal molds.

NEW BUSINESS: The board held a moment of silence in memory of Pete Burris.

The board voted that any MSNA expense, submitted for reimbursement, of up to ten dollars does not need a receipt although a voucher form should still be submitted. Using a portion of its club donation from MSNA the South Glen Burnie Coin Club applied for life membership which was approved.

The next board meeting was set for Thursday, February 26, 2004 at 7:45 p.m. Before adjourning the board took a moment to recognize Karl Keller's birthday, which was that day.

Respectfully Submitted
Bryce T. Doxzon

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Members Welcome

Minutes of the February 26, 2004 Meeting

The Board of MSNA convened on 26 Feb 2004 with 15 officers and four members in attendance.

MSNA Show 2004: Bourse Chairman Tom Palmer noted that we had lost a significant number of dealers to either the show in Ohio or Las Vegas. Coupled with the loss of dealers was the fact that we could not obtain an auction or grading service to attend. Lack of participation was bad enough for Tom to make a motion to cancel the show. After much discussion, the motion was passed by a vote of 14 to 4.

MSNA Show 2005: President Craig passed out copies of a business case scenario for a 3 day show vs a 2 day show in the Ocean City Convention Center. A 2-day show was recommended by the board and passed.

Old Business: The MSNA Education forum will be held during Berg/Kusmar show at the Baltimore Convention Center on Saturday July 10th.

New Business: Ernie Turnes asked that the board consider naming an award in the memory of Pete Burris. Due to the length of discussion over the 2004 and 2005 shows, no further new business was put forward. Meeting was adjourned at 9:42 PM.

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Ernie Turnes

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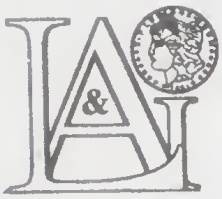

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The U.S. Treasury does not make $1 million dollar bills, but similar-looking currency is sold in some souvenir shops. The fake bill featured a picture of the Statue of Liberty, police said.

A store clerk immediately noticed the bill when 35-year old Alice Regina Pike handed it to her on Friday, police said. Pike then tried to use two gift cards worth only $2.32 to buy the merchandise, but when that did not work she again asked to cash the $1 million dollar bill, police said. The store then called the authorities.

Pike was charged with forgery. Her phone number was unlisted, and she could not be reached for comments yesterday.

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By - Hank Schab - Colonial Coin Club

What an unusual pair!!! What do coins and a battleship have in common?? Nothing except..... Well, I will try to explain.

When a new combatant ship is being outfitted and the main mast is put into position an ancient ritual takes place, a custom going back to the Greek dynasty.

A operation known to ship builders as "Stepping the Mast" takes place. Before the mainmast is placed into position, a box of coins is positioned on the deck so that the mast sits directly upon them - sealing them for the life of the ship.

The coins represent an ancient act and custom that produces a so called "insurance policy" that provides the unfortunate a safe passage into the "unknown" should a mishap occur at sea.

This custom is from Greek antiquity whose legend states the coins pay the mythical ferryman "Charon" to transport those lost at sea across the river STYX to eternity.

So on 5 April 1941 shipbuilders, government officials, dignitaries, spectators and others gathered together to observe the ceremony of placing the coins under the mast of America's first modern battleship, the USS North Carolina.

The coins were placed into a corrosion free box and consisted of one half dollar, 16 quarters, 11 dimes, 23 nickels, 46 pennies, one 1941 proof set, one Saint Christopher medal, one English penny, an English half penny and one Chinese coin.

The USS North Carolina now rests at her permanent home in Wilmington, North Carolina after a distinguished life during WWII. The coins remain to this day in the in the corrosion proof box to remind us of those who did return .... and for those who did not return.

Note: Much of this material came from an article in the Numismatic News publication, published by Krause Publications.

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Money Talks: *U.S. COLONIAL BUNGTOWN TOKENS*

By ***Robert Leonard***

You probably never examine the coins you get as change by the cashier at your neighborhood supermarket to make sure they're not counterfeit. Counterfeit U.S. coins are so rare that few Americans have ever seen one. But this wasn't always the case. Two hundred years ago, you could hardly avoid getting stuck with counterfeit coins if you wanted to buy or sell anything!

The small change circulating in the newly independent states after the Revolutionary War consisted almost exclusively of old British halfpennies. They were nicknamed "coppers," since they were almost the only copper coins in circulation. These big coins were almost as large as our half-dollar---and they had a bust of the British king on the front side, and Britannia seated on a globe on the reverse.

Genuine British coppers were scarce, though. Minting had inexplicably stopped in 1775 . . . and counterfeiting of the coppers, which began decades earlier, increased tremendously after the originals stopped being produced. There was a lot of profit to be made, since underweight counterfeits could be made to simulate well-worn coins. These fakes were imported into the United States by the barrel from Birmingham, England in the 1780s. They were usually called "Birmingham Coppers."

But some counterfeits were made right here in America. Minting of counterfeit copper imitations of British halfpennies began openly in North Swansea, Massachusetts---a suburb of a city known then as Bungtown. The counterfeits were passed throughout Massachusetts and Rhode Island and acquired the name of "Bungtowns."

In only a short time, the term "Bungtown" came to be applied to all counterfeit halfpennies, regardless of their origin. Eventually, "Bungtown" became synonymous with anything of utter worthlessness.

CIVIL WAR TOKENS

By *Wayne B. Clark*

Civil war tokens were private tokens made during the United State's Civil War to compensate for the lack of small coinage in circulation, and to advertise for various merchants. They are the size of a U.S. small cent, and generally have two themes; patriotic and store card, which advertised for a merchant.

Various firms issued tradesmen's tokens as a form of advertisement and to provide change. They came into existence only because of the scarcity of the government's coins and disappeared as soon as the bronze coins of 1864 met the public demands for the small copper change.

Other tokens were simply unauthorized substitutes for the government's coins; they were produced at a profit by private manufacturers and put into general circulation through various agencies. They bore an implied or an explicit promise of redemption in goods or money.

Many examples of the tradesmen's token type were individual in device and size, with a design or slogan selected by the maker. Some were political or patriotic in character, carrying the likeness of some military leader such as McClellan, or bearing a political inscription. About 5,000,000,000 or more of these pieces issued and about 10,000 different varieties have been recorded.

The government's cents were insufficient in number, widely hoarded, and were worth a premium over all other currencies. As the result of this scarcity of U.S. cent pieces the private copper coins were issued as a result of the scarcity of the copper-nickel cents, and the public's dislike of fractional paper money

The tokens are of great variety in composition and design. A number were more or less faithful imitations of the copper-nickel cents. A few of this type have the word "not" in very small letters, but above the words "one cent."

The legal status of the civil war tokens is uncertain. The mint director Pollock thought they were illegal, however, there was no law prohibiting the issue of tradesmen's token as private coins. The issue of imitation United States coins was illegal. On April 22, 1864 a law was passed prohibiting the issue of any one or two cent coin tokens, or devices for the use as money. Another law was passed on June 8, which abolished private coinage of every kind.

The civil war tokens were arbitrarily divided in to three different categories and dealers; store cards, sutler tokens, and patriotic civil war tokens. More than 8,500 different store cards were issued by about 1,500 merchants from 22 different states and almost 400 towns. Sutler tokens were a special kind of store card that was issued by a sutler, who supplied the store cards to the Union Army.

When small change disappeared from circulation, tradesmen were forced to issue a medium that would take its place. The first of these cents were issued because of the lack of proper government currency and made their appearance in Cincinnati of the fall of 1862. Linden Mueller Currency of New York struck millions of pieces. The die cutter was William H. Bridgens.

These tokens were widely accepted as a means of exchange. They were undoubtedly a source of great relief and convenience, but their irresponsible character attracted the attention of the federal authorities. The Third Avenue Railroad of New York requested Linden Mueller to redeem a large number of these tokens. He refused and the railroad could do nothing. It was probably this incident that helped force the government to put a stop to their issue by the passage of the act of Congress in 1864, forbidding private individuals from issuing any form of money.

The shots at Fort Sumter launched the Civil War in 1861, but preparations for the war were under way long before that, including economic preparations. Anticipating the conflict were jittery Americans on both sides of the Mason-Dixon Line who began hoarding gold and silver coins. The pace of this activity accelerated following the election of Abraham Lincoln to the presidency in November of 1860, for he was perceived as a hard line Unionist, unlikely to compromise with southern politicians. It reached fever pitch after Dec. 28, 1861, when New York banks suspended specie payments. At this point all precious-metal coins disappeared from circulation.

Copper cents, because they were not made of precious metal, continued to circulate. In fact it seemed inconceivable that Americans would hoard the cents. The large intrinsically valuable copper cents, used since the start of the nation's coinage in 1793 were replace in 1857 by the smaller copper-nickel flying eagle cents that were worth less as metal than as money. This was unusual in the mid-19th century, because most of the U.S. coins had high intrinsic value, and the Americans had come to expect and even to

demand this in their coinage. None then the less the public had welcomed the large cent's demise as they considered the coins too cumbersome for ordinary use.

The new small cents were known as "white cents" because of their pale color. Due to striking problems, the Mint replaced the original flying eagle design with a new one, which depicted a female clad in a feathered Indian headdress. This "Indian headdress" portrait is not of a Native American profile, but apparently modeled after the Greco-Roman statue of Venus. People accepted the small cents because of their handy size.

Production levels were high, much higher than those of the large cents that they replaced. It was common knowledge that the metal in each coin was worth less than a cent. The civil war shattered many accepted beliefs, including the perception that small size, low-value cents were immune from hoarding.

Initially bags of cents served as one of the primary means of payment for harried merchants. Before long they too became the target for hoarders. After all they were Government Issued coins, and were preferable to all but the irredeemable "shinplasters" (scrip and wildcat banknotes being widely offered.) The price of nickel, fueled by wartime demand, was rising quickly giving these nickel-alloy coins greater intrinsic value.

Mint Officials were impressed that civil war tokens had gained acceptance as a money substitute. In 1864 they reshaped the cents image, replacing the copper-nickel "white cents" with a bronze version.

The new cent was darker in color and one-third lighter in weight. The diameter was unchanged, however it still bore the same Indian head obverse design, simple wreath and the shield fashioned for its predecessor by the mint's chief engraver James B. Longacre. The new coin was less expensive to produce and easier to strike because bronze is much softer than nickel. Like the tokens it successfully replaced, it was accepted by the public, effectively ending the shortage of the cents in circulation.

Both types of cents (copper-nickel and bronze) were issued in 1864, with the bronze out numbering the copper-nickel by about 3 to 1. The bronze cent provided the year's scarcest variety: one on which long acre's initial "L" appears on the ribbon of the Indian's bonnet. The designer didn't add this until late in the year, so few of the 1864 cents have it.

Bronze Indian cents remained in production without interruption for nearby half a century before giving way to the Lincoln design in 1909. The design remained the same for the entire run except for the minute changes in

1886, when the chief Engraver, Charles Barber, slightly lowered the position of the last headdress feather. For all but the last two years the Indian head cents were struck only at the main Mint in Philadelphia. In 1908 and 1909, the San Francisco branch struck cents in very limited quantities. On these, the "S" mintmark appears below the wreath on the reverse. Total mintage for the series reached almost 1.6 million.

Counterfeits exist, particularly of coins dated 1877 and 1909-S, and to a lesser extent, the 1864 "L." The 1866 to 1878 issues and 1908-S the pieces should always be authenticated. When grading Indian head cents, the first place to show wear on the obverse is the hair above the ear and the curl to the right of the ribbon.

Mint state examples exist in substantial quantities in grades up to MS-65, but their population drops sharply in MS-67 and above. The full red coins are rarer still. There are a limited number of high priced rarities, so many collectors are able to assemble complete date and mints sets. The series remains one of the most popular of all of the United States issues.

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Money Talks: *THE "IDES OF MARCH" DENARIUS*

By *Thomas A. Palmer*

Coins have commemorated many events---marriages, military victories and coronations, to name a few. But only one design has ever been created to honor an assassination!

In 44 BC, the average Roman must have felt that things were finally getting back to normal. After a long series of bloody civil wars between Pompey the Great and Julius Caesar, Caesar had brought peace and prosperity back to the Roman world.

Caesar was a champion of the people, even though his family was one of the oldest and most noble in Rome. He used his authority as dictator to lessen the authority of the Senate, and passed social and economic reforms. He also put his portrait on newly minted coins, and his enemies said that proved he wanted to be king. All these things led to an assassination plot headed by two of Caesar's political opponents, Brutus and Cassius.

The plotters claimed their group would restore the Roman Republic. They decided to kill Caesar in the Senate chambers on the Ides of March, March 15th. Brutus and the other assassins stabbed Caesar with their daggers 23 times. Caesar fell dead at the feet of a statue of his old enemy, Pompey.

The people were outraged, and the conspirators fled for their lives. Armies were soon raised for a new round of civil wars.

To help pay his solders, Brutus made a new coin. The dime-sized coin, called a denarius---boasted all the details of Caesar's assassination. It showed a Liberty cap, two daggers and the date of the killing, the Ides of March. Like a newspaper headline, it told why, how and when the deed was done.

But the coin's ultimate irony was on the other side. Less than two years after claiming Caesar's portrait coins were a sign of kingly ambition, Brutus betrayed his ideals, and put his own portrait on the Ides of March denarius.

Money Talks: *THOMAS JEFFERSON'S FINANCIAL PROBLEMS*

By ***Bill Jones***

Today, April 13 is Thomas Jefferson's birthday. Most of us are pretty familiar with the accomplishments of the man whose picture appears on the nickel and the $2 bill. But did you know Jefferson was such a poor manager of his own finances that he died nearly penniless and almost lost his home, Monticello?

During Jefferson's last year in the White House his expenses exceeded his income by $8,000. He borrowed money, and convinced future president, James Madison, to sign a promissory note on his behalf.

His problems continued in private life. Always a gracious host, Jefferson entertained many guests at his home. His guests dined on fine food and imported wines, and some visitors stayed for several months. He also admired fine horses and carriages, and often could not resist adding a handsome animal or a fancy rig to his stable.

By 1815, Jefferson's debt had grown to more than $100,000—millions in today's money. His creditors demanded payment.

By 1826, Jefferson's financial condition had deteriorated so much that he confessed to his grandson that he could no longer pay his grocery bills. Jefferson was so desperate that he decided to give up his beloved home, Monticello. But with land prices depressed, Jefferson thought he could raise more money if he disposed of the house through a lottery, rather than a sale.

But ticket sales for the lottery were disappointing. In the end, Jefferson's friends quietly raised money to help him. Jefferson died on July 4th, 1826, exactly 50 years after the signing of the Declaration of Independence. After his death, Monticello was sold to cover his debts; and the house fell into disrepair. A hundred years later the house was purchased by the Jefferson Memorial Foundation, which restored it.

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President's Message

I am anxious to report to the Maryland State Numismatic Association (MSNA) membership and other readers of this issue of the *Maryland Numismatist* that at our June meeting, the MSNA Board officially decided to hold the 2005 MSNA Annual Convention and Coin Show on 8 & 9 October, 2005 at the Ocean City Convention Center. This is a major paradigm shift for MSNA and we will need the help of all members, both individuals and clubs to help make this venture a success. This is after the summer tourist season, however, the weather should still be very good. This is the Columbus Day weekend and the official government holiday is Monday 10 October. The Ocean City Convention Center and visitors bureau estimates that there will be approximately 140,000 people in town that weekend. This should provide a good population to draw from for our show. Also, in the convention center that same weekend there will be the three day (7-9 Oct.) Oktoberfest celebration in another hall. The estimated attendance at this event is 8,000 - 9,000 people over the three days. This should help to boost attendance at the MSNA show. There are very reasonable hotel prices in Ocean City that time of the year and we are looking for a show hotel very close to the convention center for those wanting to stay overnight. We are now drafting up the bourse applications to get out to the dealer community and we are starting our efforts to prepare our show advertising. You will be hearing more on the 2005 Ocean City convention in subsequent issues of the *Maryland Numismatist* as well as other information to be sent to local MSNA clubs and in various numismatic and other publications. I also want to thank the Salisbury Coin Club for agreeing to be the host club for the 2005 convention. This will be a tremendous help to MSNA. Mark 8 & 9 October 2005 on your calendar!

On Saturday 9 July, MSNA sponsored their Educational Forum in conjunction with the Baltimore Coin and Currency Convention at the Baltimore Convention Center. The presentation was titled "Digging for the Chalmers Mint" and was presented by Mr. Willard Mumford. Will is a past president of MSNA, a noted local author and a highly respected numismatist. He held the assembled audience captive with an interesting discussion of his recent archeological dig at 10 Cornhill Street in Annapolis, Maryland. This property has been believed by many to be the location of the mint and other related businesses operated by John Chalmers, a colonial silversmith who

minted early coinage in the colonial confederation. Will had many artifacts from his dig that helped tell his story. His findings were varied with the centerpiece of attention being the Chalmers Three Pence, only the twenty-first known to exist. I want to thank Will for a riveting presentation and also thanks to Simcha Kuritzky for getting Will as a speaker and for his efforts to arrange the education forum. Several other members helped with the logistics and advertising the event. Will was presented with a very nice token of appreciation from MSNA. If you were not there, you missed a fabulous presentation of local numismatic history.

Edward L. Craig
MSNA President

New $50 Bill

A release date of September 28th has been set for the new Series 2004 $50 Federal Reserve Note. To the right of Grant's portrait, the background colors of red and blue look like a waving American flag.

DON'T FORGET TO VOTE!!!!

A **MSNA** election ballot is enclosed with your journal. Please complete it and return to MSNA on or before September 10, 2004. Mail to address on the ballot.

MSNA Annual Meeting

The Maryland State Numismatic Association has set Thursday, September 23, 2004 as the date for this year's General Membership Meeting. It will be held at Grace United Methodist Church, at the corner of Charles Street and Northern Parkway, in Baltimore. The meeting will begin at 7:45 P.M.

One of the pieces of business at the meeting will be the result of the elections of officers. Each current office holder is up for re-election to the same position. Write-ins are permitted on the ballot, which will be sent to members along with the Association's next issue of its publication *The Maryland Numismatist.* Running for re-election is Edward L. Craig for President, Simcha Kuritzky for Vice President, Bryce Doxzon for Secretary and Karl Keller for Treasurer. Another business item to be discussed is the October 2005 Coin Show and Convention, to be held for the first time in Ocean City, MD.

All Association members are invited and encouraged to attend the meeting.

JOINING FORCES --- ANA and E-Bay®

In cooperation with eBay® Inc. and experts from the coin community, the ANA formed the Coins Community Watch (CCW) program in June. The program's goal is to protect buyers of numismatic material and promote hobby growth. CCW will specifically focus on uncovering repeated behaviors of misrepresentation of items for sale. CCW will notify the ANA of problematic listings, and the Association will forward the report to eBay if the seller fails to respond to the allegation or remedy the listing.

MSNA Raffle Drawing Winners
(For the show that wasn't)

Raffle Chairman, Bob Ruby, held the May drawing for the MSNA raffle. In Attendance were General Show Chairman Bill Lenz and his wife Carloyn. Mrs. Helen Townshend, of Manchester, Maryland selected the winning tickets. Mrs. Townshend turned 100 years young on June 30, 2004. The Catonsville Coin Club received a 1920 Mexican gold 5 Peso for selling the 1st drawing ticket.

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Ernie Turnes

I recently purchased a toned 1945-S PCGS MS65 Mercury dime from an eBay consignor for $15.40 plus postage and insurance. The piece was mailed to me but was lost in the mail. After a few weeks, the seller submitted an insurance claim at his post office. The paper work was then sent to me, to fill out my part of the form and take it to my post office for reimbursement. The instructions were to pay me for the purchase.

The coin had been insured for $50. Even though I had all the correspondence showing the actual price of $15.40, the clerk at the post office said that in the case of eBay purchases, other proof of value had to be shown. It could be a catalog page, an advertisement, or a dealer receipt, but it had to be for the **exact** same item. I returned to the post office with the most recent copy of *COINValues*, published by Amos Press. It showed the value for a 1945-S MS 65 Mercury dime to be $28, and this was the amount paid to me. If the retail value had been more than $50 (as in the case of a micro-s or full bands), I would have been paid $50, the maximum insurance coverage purchased.

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Local teen builds quite a "Coin-struction"

"At first, I didn't think it was cool". That was Matt Robinson's reaction when he received a "Coin-struction" set as a present almost three years ago, he said.

But, three years later, after the 17-year-old from Manchester finished building a castle out of nearly 4,000 commemorative quarters, he said his skepticism had worn off.

The senior at Carroll Christian School received the gift from his aunt for Christmas 2001, but it quickly ended up in a room in his house where other unused junk is stored, he said.

The "Coin-struction" sets, made by Edin Education, do not supply the user with the coins used to build the various structures, but instead provide clips that connect coins together, allowing the builder to use the currency to build various structure's, including Robinson's choice, a castle.

Robinson rediscovered the box the following summer while cleaning out his house and started building small houses and cars, he said.

He got so involved with the project that he decided to try to build a castle like the one depicted on the side of the Coin-struction box.

To make it more unusual, he added original features such as jails, ladders, catwalks, a drawbridge, and gold-plated quarters for the doors of the treasury.

After clipping together 3,925 commemorative quarters, Robinson's castle is five times larger than the one that's pictured on the box. That's because he used approximately 30 boxes of clips to build his castle, he said.

"I actually had to buy about 50 boxes worth of Coin-struction, but I only used about 30 boxes worth of pieces, because I could only use certain components from each box," said Robinson.

The quarters he used to build the castle come from his collection of the 10 commemorative state coins commissioned in 1999 and 2000 by the U. S. Mint.

The states include: Delaware, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Georgia, Connecticut, Massachusetts, South Carolina, New Hampshire, Virginia and of course, Maryland, he said. All 50 states will have their own commemorative coins by the year 2008.

To pay for the Coin-struction sets, which he bought online, Robinson mowed lawns, chopped wood, and worked for his uncle's building maintenance company, he said.

To acquire the quarters, Robinson said it took about two years of scrounging for pocket change and trading for the ones he needed.

Robinson's castle has become so large and now weights 42 pounds, so he built a carrier for it, he said.

The castle, which Robinson said took him two years to build, is valued at $981.25 and measures 31.5 inches wide, 22.5 inches long, and 13.5 inches high. Although friends and family offered to help, Robinson says he put every quarter on the castle himself.

Robinson would occasionally run into difficulty while building the castle. Sometimes, he would have more quarters than available clips, which meant he had to wait until he acquired more clips to accommodate the quarters. Other times, he'd run out of quarters and have to scrounge for more coins before the project could move forward, he said.

How did he do it? "Patience and dedication," he said. Robinson, who is an avid fisher and lives on a farm, moved from Hampstead to Manchester with his family eight years ago, and enjoys spending time with friends from his church, Trinity Assembly of God in Lutherville. This year, he entered his coin castle in a school fine arts contest and won first place.

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Will began his acquaintance with the MSNA in 1979 and was accepted into membership in January 1980 as member #-451. He was the Treasurer from April 1980 until April 1981. He was President from April 1981 until October 1983.

He is quite knowledgeable on historical events and was speaker at several of our events including the awards breakfast of 22 Apr 1980: when his topic was the founding of the John Chalmers Society.

Will Mumford also served as the President of the Utah Numismatic Society, The Ogden (Utah) Coin Club and the Colonial Coin Club in Annapolis. He was the first ANA District Representative for the Middle Atlantic States and has attended 12 ANA Conventions. He was the Chairman of the educational programs for the two ANA Conventions held in Baltimore in 1985 and 1993.

He has served as the editor of the Civil War Token Society Journal since 1981 (23 years) and editor of the Maryland Tokens and Medals Society Journal since 1987 (17 years).

He has been a speaker at many numismatic events. He has presented over 400 programs on Maryland history and numismatics.

Will was born in McMinnville, Oregon and moved to Annapolis in 1944 when his father was stationed at the Naval Academy as a professor in Electrical Engineering. He and his wife, Elaine, have three children and five grandchildren.

He is a retired Lt. Colonel from the United States Air Force and is a veteran of the Vietnam War having served as the Maintenance Control Officer for the 315th Special Operations Wing at Phan Rang Air Base in the Republic of South Vietnam from August 1969 to August 1970. During his tour he led 46 maintenance recovery missions to rescue downed aircraft; most of which were stuck in the mud! Will was awarded the Bronze Star for his service. He also led the wing in Civic Actions projects; which included the building of a schoolhouse for a Buddhist school, which was located, near his base.

Will has a B. S. degree in education from the University of Maryland, a B. S. degree in mechanical engineering from Southern Methodist University and a M .S. degree in mechanical engineering from Texas A & M.

Will served as Chairman of the Engineering and Technologies Division at Anne Arundel Community College from 1981 to 1992. He has served as President of the Anne Arundel County Historical Society, the Maryland State Numismatic Society, and the Maryland Association for Higher Education. He currently serves as the Chairman of the Anne Arundel County Trust for Preservation.

Will has actively participated in the Lost Towns Project, which is conducting archaeological excavations through out the county. He has a passion for local history and specializes in colonial money, truck farming and the Civil War in Anne Arundel County. He has authored two books on local history: ***Strawberries, Peas and Beans: Truck Farming in Anne Arundel County*** and ***Barter, Bits, Bills and Tobacco: the Story of Money in Early Maryland.***

Will recently conducted an archaeological dig at 10 Cornhill Street in Annapolis and hit pay dirt as he uncovered a treasure of 18th century artifacts, which included 31 coins, one of which, was a silver three-pence made by the Annapolis silversmith, John Chalmers in 1783. There are only about 20 of these coins in existence and it was one of the first silver coins made in the new United States of America.

Willard R. Mumford is the current chairman of the Anne Arundel County Trust for Preservation. He is the past president of the Maryland Association for Higher Education, the Maryland State Numismatic Association and the Anne Arundel County Historical Society. Will served as the Chairman of the Engineering and Technologies Division at Anne Arundel Community College from 1981 to 1992 and currently serves as the editor of the Civil War Token Society Journal and the Journal of the Maryland Tokens and Medals Society.

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By Betty Meck, Colonial Coin Club President

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We hope to see you at our next show on the 4th Sunday in September - September 26th from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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The meeting was called to order by President Craig at 7:45 PM at the Grace United Methodist Church. Secretary Doxzon read the previous meeting minutes. Bill Stratemeyer read the treasury balances in Treasurer Keller's absence.

President Craig reported that all dealers who paid for tables at the canceled May show had their fees reimbursed. Bob Ruby reported on raffle sales to date (Editors note: See winners report on page 6). Mill Hajek reported that the die for the 2004 elongated coins had already been made.

Bill Lenz reported that Hall "C" in the Ocean City convention center was available for the weekend of October 7 - 9, 2005 and it has plenty of free parking. The board voted to reserve this weekend for our 2005 convention and committee chairpersons were selected. It was suggested that MSNA put together an Ocean City information packet to go to the dealers. A motion was made and approved to donate $100.00 to each charity: Gallagher Services; Baltimore Association of Retarded Citizens and the Johns Hopkins Children Cancer Fund.

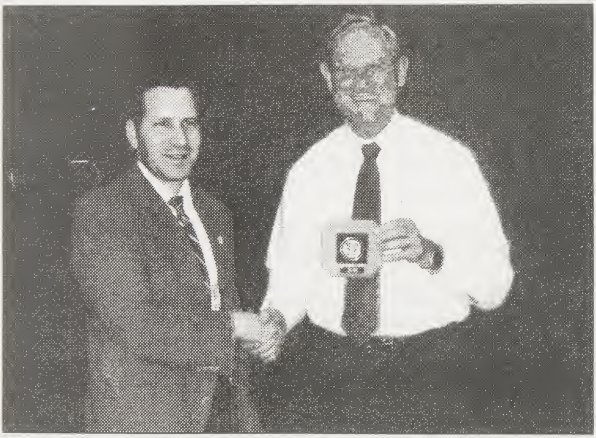
Simcha Kuritzky gave an updated report on the MSNA Educational seminar that is to be held at the July coin show at the Baltimore Convention Center. The next board meeting was scheduled for Thursday, June 24, 2004. Meeting was adjourned at 9:40 PM.

Baltimore Coin Club to Hold YN Night

The Baltimore Coin Club will tailor its August 19 meeting to Young Numismatists and those who may want to begin collecting numismatic materials. The meeting will feature give-a-ways, education and the opportunity to participate in the club auction and is designed to be fun for the young collectors. Donated material may be given to Ernie Turnes or Bill Stratemeyer. All members and guests are encouraged to bring young collectors to the August 19 meeting.

MSNA Education Forum

The MSNA Education Forum was held on Saturday, July 10, 2005 at 5:00 PM at the Baltimore Convention Center in conjunction with the Baltimore Coin and Currency Convention and was chaired by Simcha Kuritzky. Speaker for the forum was Willard R. Mumford of Annapolis, Maryland. Mr. Mumford's topic was about his archaeological dig at 10 Cornhill Street in Annapolis. Will displayed many of the artifacts that he found while doing the dig. They included buttons, shoe buckles, pottery pieces, marbles and even a pair of dice along with several coins, which included a Chalmers three-pence made by John Chalmers, a silversmith in 1783, only the twenty-first known.



Simcha Kuritzky (L) presenting gift to Willard R. Mumford ® MSNA Educational Forum speaker on July 10, 2004.

SCHEDULE OF FUTURE SHOWS

13 - 15 Aug. - **Penna. Association of Numismatists (PAN)**, Pittsburgh ExpoMart, Business Route 22, off Exit 6 on PA turnpike, Monroeville, PA, Free Admission and Parking.

19 - 22 Aug. - **ANA World's Fair of Money**, David Lawrence Convention Center, 1000 Ft. Duquesne Blvd., Pittsburgh, PA Free Admission.

4 - 5 Sept. - **Interstate Coin Club** Show, Venice Inn Hotel Ballroom, 431 Dual Highway, Hagerstown, MD Free Admission Sat. 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM

18 - 19 Sept - **Red Rose Coin Club**, Farm and Home Center, 1383 Arcadia Road, Lancaster, PA. Free Admission and Parking.

26 Sept. - **Annapolis Coin and Currency Show** - Knights of Columbus Hall, 2590 Solomon's Road (Route 2), Annapolis/Edgewater, MD 21037. 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM

9 Oct. - **Antietam Coin & Currency Show**, Wacohu Grange Hall, 16412 National Pike, Rt. 40 West, Hagerstown, MD, 10:00 - 4:00. Free Admission and Parking.

10 Oct. - **BANC** - Towson Holiday Inn, 1100 Cromwell Bridge Road, Towson, MD (Exit 29 South off I-695) 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

15 - 16 Oct. - **Frederick Coin, Currency & Money Expo**, Fairgrounds Bldg. 14, 797 E. Patrick Street, Frederick, MD. Free Admission.

17 Oct. - **Cambridge Coin Club**, American Legion Hall - Post 91, 601 Radiance Drive, Cambridge, MD, Free Admission.

24 Oct. - **Associated Coin Club** Victory Villa Community Center, 404 Compass Road, Essex, MD Free Admission and Parking.

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Money Talks: *THE SILVER CENTER CENTS OF 1792*

By *Mark Van Winkle*

When we think of "pennies," we almost always think of them as being made of either copper or bronze. But, the very first pennies, or more correctly, cents, ever made by the government had a silver plug, right in the center. This is "A-N-A's Money Talks," and today we'll hear the story of the famous Silver Center Cent.

It was 1792, the year before production actually began in the U.S. Mint, and Thomas Jefferson was Secretary of the Treasury. Jefferson ordered several experimental coins made. One of these coins featured a small silver plug, worth three-quarters of a cent, inserted into the center of a copper disc -- which was shaped like a doughnut, and worth a quarter of a cent. The silver plug was fused to the copper blank, and a design was created for these experimental coins that was closely followed on the regular production pennies first made a year later.

But this novel experiment had two serious drawbacks that prevented the pieces from becoming regular production coins. First, it cost too much to stamp out doughnut-shaped copper discs, and then fill them back up with silver centers. Second, people of that time were accustomed to larger copper coins, not smaller ones. There was concern that the new coins about to be made by the fledgling government would be rejected by the people. In fact, it took another 65 years before the cent, or "penny," was reduced to its present size. Only twelve silver center cents are known to exist today.

An interesting footnote: In 1907, when the first U.S. Mint building was torn down, a Philadelphia collector named Frank Stewart went over to the vacant lot where the old mint used to produce, and after several minutes of poking around, uncovered several of the blank, doughnut-shaped copper discs used to strike the silver center cents. He later donated the discs to the Smithsonian Institution, where they remain today.

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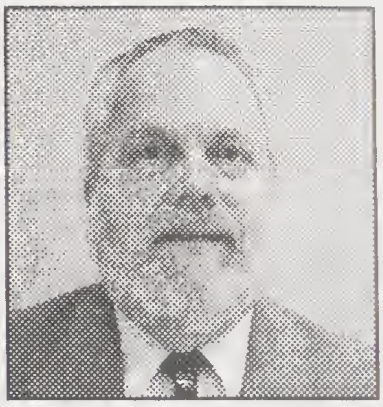
President's Message



Do you remember the Columbus Day weekend we just had. The weather was beautiful - - not too warm, not to cool. Well you may consider going to Ocean City, Maryland that same time next year (2005) Because the Maryland State Numismatic Association and the Salisbury Coin Club will Be hosting the MSNA Annual Coin Show and Convention 8 & 9 October 2005 (the Columbus Day weekend). This has the potential to be an outstanding numismatic event. Mark your calendars now. The tables are selling very fast so it should be a super show. With the close proximity to Washington DC, DE, NJ, VA, PA and NY; this venue should be a real attraction. Dealers and hobbyists alike can come to this beautiful resort town with their families and/or significant other. Beside the natural draw of the beautiful, relaxing ocean setting, there is the boardwalk with its myriad of shops, amusements and eateries. The rest of the town has numerous, similar offerings as well as a large outlet mall in West Ocean City. Three even larger malls are just up the highway in Rehoboth, Delaware. The same weekend as the coin show, the Ocean City Convention Center will also be host to a great Oktoberfest celebration (great German food and beer as well as the obligatory Ooompaa Band) and a major craft show. With the holiday on Monday, you can make it a real nice weekend stay. The Maryland State Numismatic Association and the Salisbury Coin Club hope to see you there. We are so confident this show will be a success, we have reserved the convention center for 2006, same weekend.

The Maryland State Numismatic Association just received a letter from the American Numismatic Association (ANA), dated 27 September 2004. I would like to share this letter with all MSNA members (see page 05).

As you can see, although there are many details to be worked out, the Maryland State Numismatic Association has been honored with the opportunity to once again host this prestigious, worldwide numismatic event. After we take a few weeks to bask in the glow of this exceptional chance to host the 117th Anniversary ANA Convention, we must begin preparation to ensure that we can outshine our 2003 efforts, which were documented and widely lauded. We have our work cut out for us so I request that everyone help as much as you can. Baltimore and MSNA have been a great combination before, and I am sure it will be again. .....ELC

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September 27, 2004

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Dear Maryland State Numismatic Association,

Your letter of May 11 started a process that culminated in an ANA Board vote at the ANA Anniversary convention in Pittsburgh whereby Baltimore was chosen as the ANA site for 2008. I am very proud of your pro-active position in soliciting for the ANA to return to Baltimore. We all remember the 2003 event as if it were yesterday and it will be wonderful to return. Thank vou all verv much.

I would like to quote the Pittsburgh Board motion because there is the stipulation that all things are favorable during our negotiations with Baltimore:

"Motion by Governor Horton, second by Governor Bourne, to have the 2008 ANA 117th Anniversary Convention held in Baltimore, MD, subject to negotiation of rates, dates and space with Baltimore and related venues."

I will keep you apprised of progess as we proceed to plan for our return to Baltimore. Have a wonderful autumn and I certainly hope our paths cross frequently!

Sincerely,

Brenda Bishop

Brenda Bishop
Meeting Services Director

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The "Hard Times" and Tokens of 1837

By Dennis Berube

Since the U.S. started minting cents in 1793, there was never enough hard currency to meet the demands of the economy. The panic of 1837 created a dire shortage of all coins. In April 1837 in New York City, 128 companies went bankrupt and 100 banks failed. Paper money was deemed worthless. The poor people suffered tremendously. There were no jobs and starvation was rampant in the cold winter of 1837 to 1838. To add to their burden, the "Great Fire of 1835" burned down 648 homes. The common man was broke and hungry, which lead to the riot of 1837. Thousands of people assembled at City Hall and marched downtown to where the wealthy merchants were located. The price of flour had soared to $12 a barrel. The people demanded that the price be lowered, but the request was denied by the storeowners and, as a result, windows were smashed and stores were looted. Barrels of flour were emptied onto the streets and people swarmed to cart away this prized commodity.

In the meantime, many merchants that lived in the southern part of Manhattan started filling the demand for coppers by minting their own tokens. The tokens were accepted along with U.S. and foreign coins. There were two types of Hard Times tokens--political and merchant. The political ones were satirical and often ridiculed Andrew Jackson's iron-fisted economic policy. The merchant tokens served as an advertising medium and image for these companies. For example, T.D. Seaman from Belleville, NJ referred to himself as "friend to the Constitution" and pictured a cow on the reverse. Another example from the Howell Works in Allaire, NJ pictured a rose on the large cent size token and a bunch of grapes on the half-cent size. The obverse included the word "garden", which is believed to be a place that the workers would go for rest and recreation. From 1828 to 1840, 29 million large cents were minted and approximately 20 million tokens were struck. This helped fill the demand for the economy. As time passed, U.S. cents became plentiful and the tokens faded from circulation. It would not be until the Civil War, in the 1860's, that the United States would experience yet another coin shortage.

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CATONSVILLE COIN CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

This year, the ***Catonsville Coin Club*** observed its 40th anniversary with an April dinner meeting at Jenning's Cafe in Catonsville. Also, the club noted its 25th year of membership in the American Numismatic Association. Club representative Bryce Doxzon attended the 2004 ANA convention in Pittsburgh and received the 25 years membership plaque on behalf of the club. Displaying the plaque at the club's September meeting, Bryce also took the opportunity to present silver medals for 25 years of individual ANA membership to two club members, Dorothy Hajek and Naomi McAfee. Congratulations to them both.

CARROLL COUNTY COIN CLUB

The annual **CCCC** show was held Saturday, November 20 at the Best Western Hotel and Conference Center, just west of Westminster. 24 dealers attended the show from Maryland, Penna. and Virginia. Most dealers reported a "very good sales day", with a few reporting "a slow sales day". Tony Livermore of Gettysburg, PA and Howard Friedman of Hampstead, MD were the winners of a six-month free subscription from Krause Publications. Bourse Chairman, Lester White announced that next year's show would be at the same location on Saturday, November 19, 2005.

New Club Starting in Frederick

Information based on a recent flyer that I picked up, it appears that Curt Colhurn and Mike Dixon are trying to start a new coin club in Frederick, Maryland. Most details are not available at this time, other that the club will meet on Thursdays and the club name will be the **FREDERICK COUNTY COIN CLUB.** Time and dates to be determined on the availability of a meeting room. Interest parties may write to Curt or Mike at the following addresses:

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Augustus Saint Gaudens

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Augustus Saint Gaudens was born in Dublin, Ireland on March first, 1848. When Augustus was young he was taught at the village school until he was thirteen. He then was an apprentice to Louis Avet who was a stone cameo cutter. When Augustus was fourteen, and still an apprentice to Avet, he began night classes at the Cooper Institute, which was a school of art and science. The school was normally for boys who were at least sixteen, but Augustus's father managed to get him in. After Augustus lost his job with Avet he began working for a shell cameo cutter named Jules Le Brethon. Le Brethon was much kinder than Avet had been. Later Augustus began classes at the National Academy of Design in New York City. After completing his studies there, Augustus headed for Europe. He was a student at Ecole de Beaux Arts in Paris, France. Augustus also studied works of art in Rome. He then returned home where he received his first big commission in New York.

Louis Avet had a terrible, raging temper. One day Avet was in a particularly bad mood and, upon seeing crumbs on the floor fired Saint Gaudens. Augustus packed up his things and promptly went home. Five hours later Avet came to Saint Gaudens' house saying he was sorry and pleaded with Augustus to come back. Saint Gaudens, however, was too proud to accept and immediately refused. His father said that at that moment he was more proud of his son than he ever was or would be.

Augustus Saint Gaudens was an extremely skilled artist. His greatest works include the David Glasgow Farragut Monument (New York City); the Adams Monument (Washington D. C.); the William Tecumseh Sherman Monument (New York City); *Abraham Lincoln* (Chicago); *Silence* (Utica, New York); *The Pilgrim* (Philadelphia); the Indian Head Type Eagle, $10 gold piece, 1907-1933; and the Saint Gaudens Type Double Eagle, $20 gold piece, 1907-1933. The Double Eagle is considered by many people to be the most beautiful American coin ever designed. Saint Gaudens created many other beautiful works.

Although Saint Gaudens had many great achievements, there were, as in any other life, failures. Saint Gaudens was constructing a mausoleum for the grave of Governor Edwin Denison Morgan. Around the mausoleum were two stone angels that rose twenty-five feet above the tomb, three smaller stone angels and a large stone cross. Saint Gaudens was very particular about the statues and even fired an artisan for carving carelessly. The work was

almost complete, all that remained were the finishing touches. In the middle of the night a fire started in the cemetery where Morgan's grave was located. Before the flames could be stopped, the mausoleum burned and all of Saint Gaudens work was ruined. For the whole project Saint Gaudens was to be paid $5,000. Since everything was ruined he was paid only $3,800 for his work. He assumed that the family would want him to redo the work and pay him for that, but they did not want it redone at all. Saint Gaudens was devastated. Though nothing was ever proven, it is believed that the man Saint Gaudens had fired had set fire to the cemetery for the purpose of ruining Saint Gaudens work.

Another disappointment was the fact that Saint Gaudens died so young. He was diagnosed with cancer and died at the height of his career. While he was sick his friend, Stanford White was preparing to come visit him. White, however, never made it, as he was murdered before he could come. This tragedy was deeply mortifying to Saint Gaudens. Augustus was so unhappy the last days of his life. If he had lived perhaps he would have graced us with more of his art.

Important people in Saint Gaudens life included Augusta (Gussie) Homer Saint Gaudens - wife; Homer Saint Gaudens - son; Bynner Witter (Hal) - Augustus's closest friend, who called him "The Saint"; Robert Louis Stevenson - Augustus's close friend; Theodore Rosevelt - he commisioned Augustus to design his inaugural medal and to redesign American Coinage.

Augustus Saint Gaudens died at his home in Cornish, New Hampshire at 6:50pm on August third, 1907. Saint Gaudens passed a portion of his greatness on to his son who fought in both World War I and World War II. In the time he served, he received many awards including The Victory Medal with six Stars, The Purple Heart, The Bronze Star, The American Defense Medal with one Star, The Legion of Merit, The Croix de Guerre with Palm, The American Theatre Medal with five Stars, and The Meritorious Medal of the State of Pennsylvania. Augustus Saint Gaudens will be remembered through his art for years to come.

Note: in a letter answering an inquiry, Augustus Saint Gaudens wrote that his name should be spelled "Saint Gaudens", not "Saint- Gaudens" or "St. Gaudens".

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

From all of the
MSNA Officers
And
Board Members

Minutes of June 24, 2004 Meeting

The board of the Maryland State Numismatic Association met on Thursday June 24, 2004, at 7:45 P.M. at Grace United Methodist Church in Baltimore. In attendance were 17 officers, club reps and club members.

In discussion it was pointed out that, because no election ballots had been sent out to the membership, tonight's meeting could not be designated the MSNA annual meeting. The board approved a $50 donation to ANA for a patron ad.

COMMITTEES:

The gift for educational seminar speaker, Will Mumford, was passed around for all to see. A room at the Baltimore Convention Center has been reserved for Saturday, July 10 at 5:00 PM. Door prizes will be given out as well as elongated rolled on Texas state quarters.

Millard Hajek displayed and talked about the five coin and two coin sets of the MSNA 2004 convention elongated. He also asked board members to vote on two designs for the 2005 elongated.

MSNA 2004:

Bob Ruby gave an income and expense reports on raffle ticket sales and read the names of the prize winners.

MSNA 2005:

Ed Craig produced a business case for the 2005 MSNA convention and talked about several items in it and how he developed it. After several minutes of discussion a motion was made to proceed with the October 7-9, 2005 convention in Ocean City. The motion was widely approved. Bob Ruby has a mockup of the 2005 raffle tickets that is ready for printing. Ed reaffirmed the committee chairmanships agreed to at the last board meeting and said he hoped to l have the bourse contracts ready to distribute at the 2004 pre ANA and ANA conventions. Bill Stratemeyer is investigating a design for the 2005 souvenir card.

OLD BUSINESS:

Don Curtis said that the ANA was sent the master mold and the working mold for the ANA/MSNA 2003 medal, as well as a four-medal set.

NEW BUSINESS:

MSNA received a tax form for reporting by tax-exempt organizations for 2003. After some discussion on definition of certain items the form was given to Simcha Kuritzky to study and to complete, with Karl Keller's help.

Bill Ayres stepped forward as the election committee to create the slate of officers for 2004/2005. The ballot will be distributed with the Maryland Numismatist. The annual meeting was reset for September 23, 2004. The board meeting was adjourned at 9:46 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Bryce F. Doxzon

MSNA 2003-2004 – YEAR IN REVIEW

The MSNA year, dating from the 2003 annual convention (July 2003) to the 2004 annual meeting (Sep 2004) began with a review of the 2003 convention. This was held in New Carrolton, just before the 2003 ANA convention and was widely understood to be, if not officially designated, the "pre-ANA". As such dealer participation was excellent (a sell-out of bourse tables) and public attendance was very good. Bourse chairman, Paul Singleton, was especially applauded for the work to put on that show. MSNA turned a record profit on the convention (including income from the auction conducted by Scotsman Auction Co) and was able to make substantial donations to Gallagher Services, Baltimore Association for Retarded Citizens and the Johns Hopkins Children's Cancer Fund. MSNA made substantial donations to each of its member clubs, encouraging them to use a portion of the monies received to purchase club life-memberships.

Following on the heels of the MSNA convention was the ANA convention in Baltimore (AKA - World's Fair of Money). The host clubs were the Maryland State Numismatic Association, Baltimore Coin Club and the Maryland Token & Medal Society. Members of all three organizations served on the local committees and; by all accounts, those folks; from general chairman Tom Palmer on down, did stellar work. Drawing 13,000 people over five days (July 30-August 3, 2003) collectors were treated to an array of bourse dealers, exhibits, foreign mints, club meeting, numismatic talks and

other events not seen in Baltimore in ten years. The ANA deemed the convention an overwhelming success. In addition, the Baltimore convention was rendered historic by the first sale of an 1804 silver dollar in the convention auction and further so by the emergency and authentication of the forty years previously missing fifth specimen of the 1913 Liberty Head nickel. That coin went on display with the other four specimens to create a once-in-a-lifetime 1913 Liberty Head nickel "reunion" that was a consistent public draw throughout the convention.

At the convention attendees could receive a cast pewter medal underwritten by ANA and the three host clubs. A silver-plated version was given to those attending the convention banquet and local committee chairmen received a four-metal-finish medal set. Several Maryland collectors distinguished themselves with exhibit awards at the 2003 ANA convention, including first runner-up to Best of Show. Also; the MSNA history was issued in time for the convention, garnering interest from members of the Florida United Numismatists who are considering publishing a history of their organization.

Following the ANA convention the MSNA board set to work planning the 2004 convention. The dates of May 20-23 were reserved for the bourse hall at the Ramada Inn in New Carrollton. Requests for bids on conducting the show auction were sent out but no bids were received by the deadline. Bourse dealer signups were slow in coming in; indeed, by February 2004 bourse competition with coin shows in Ohio and Las Vegas, combined with the lack of an auction and dealer dissatisfaction with the New Carrollton site, resulted in so few bourse reservations that the board voted to cancel the 2004 convention. It was arranged for Paul Singleton to take over the May show dates and run a coin show for those dealers who wished to participate. Elongated were produced and the raffle was held as originally planned.

While plans for the 2004 convention were still being discussed the issue was first raised about having the 2005 convention in Ocean City at it's convention center. Information about convention space rates and hotel room rates were gathered. The Salisbury Coin Club indicated great interest in helping to stage the convention. Amid much discussion about attracting dealers and collectors to the Ocean City site a business case was developed and presented for a two-day versus a three-day show and suitable show dates were explored. The board chose to hold a two-day show and to set its dates for October 7-9, 2005 (including setup). The board, of course, will engage in more plans and discussions for this convention in the coming year.

The annual MSNA fall seminar was set for December 6, 2003, with Jay Johnson as speaker, but very inclement weather sharply curtained attendance. In lieu of the seminar at it's cancelled 2004 convention the educational seminar was reset for July 10 at the Baltimore Coin & Currency Convention, at which Will Mumford gave a very engaging talk about his archeological dig at the John Chalmers "mint" and his discovery of a Chalmer's threepence at the site.

The South Glen Burnie Coin Club was approved for life membership in the 2003-2004 year. Leftover ANA/MSNA cast convention medals were distributed among the host clubs.

With an eye to the future, MSNA sent a letter to the ANA requesting that Baltimore be considered again as an ANA convention host city. Rather unexpectedly it was learned in August 2004 that the ANA board of governors decided to hold the 2008 ANA convention in Baltimore. The letter sent to ANA had been influential in that decision when the original site for that year, St Louis, Missouri became untenable.

Maryland numismatics suffered a great loss upon the death of past President Marvin G. "Pete" Burris, one of its hardest workers and one of the most active and genial personalities. Several MSNA board members, in their red coats, carried Pete to his final resting-place.

Respectfully Submitted

Bryce Doxzon, Secretary

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Dues for 2005 will be due on December 31, 2004. Exportation dates may be found on your mailing label. Please send your dues check to our treasurer: **Karl E. Keller, 1612 Creston Drive, Forest Hills, MD 21050**. Make check payable to *MSNA*. Club dues are $15.00 and individuals are $10.00.

Dues notice included with journal.

Minutes of September 23rd Meeting

President Craig called meeting to order at 7:45 PM. Ernie suggested that the past year-view be published in the journal. Bob Ruby gave a final report on the sale of the encased state quarters. Ruby also made arrangements with Krause Publications for an ad in their Coin Show Calendar. He has also placed show information three different web sites. Mill Hajek displayed pictures of the 2005 elongated coin. Carl Ostiguy, Jr. of CEO Coins, Currency & Treasures will be Bourse Chairman, with Ed Craig as co-chair for the 2005 Ocean City show. Carl turned in bourse contracts for approx. 1/3 of the tables. Carl also reported the Tidewater Supplies would be the supply dealer at the show, if Metro isn't interested. Bill Lenz and Bob Harden will be co-general chairman. Lodging has been arranged with the Ramada Inn, near the Convention center. Lenz has also spoken with the promoter's of the OctoberFest about the possibility of cross-promotion advertising. Ed Craig has the show information listed in the 2005 Ocean City Guide. Larry Goldman will get out requests for an auction. The four current officers were elected to another term. MSNA has received a verbal notice that Baltimore will be hosting the 2008 ANA Convention, to be confirmed later.

BUT IT'S BACKWARDS!!

Ernie Turnes

I recently bought a love token (engraved coin) unlike any in my collection. It is an early cent from Canada with the center of the reverse smoothed and the initials **PJS** engraved left to right in block letters. At least that's what I thought. The uncertainty is what makes this piece so different. The initials being engraved as a mirror image created that uncertainty. When I held the piece in front of a mirror I saw that I was right about the letters, but wrong about their order. The initials were actually **SJP**.

Why would someone have a love token made this way? In his book *Love Tokens As Engraved Coins*, Lloyd Entenmann offers two possible explanations. He states that in the time period of English love tokens, it was customary to seal envelopes and legal documents with a special hot wax. Before the wax cooled a person would make an impressed seal by pushing a finger ring into the soft wax. An engraved coin could serve the same purpose, and with the mirror image engraving, the letters could then be read correctly.

Mr. Entenmann's second explanation was that the person wanted the coin to be held at a mirror to read it. Why? Who knows?

SCHEDULE OF FUTURE SHOWS

2005

5 - 6 Mar. - **Interstate Coin Club Show** - Venice Inn - Hotel Ballroom, 431 Dual Highway, Hagerstown, MD, Free admission and parking.

11 - 13 Mar. - **Baltimore Coin & Currency Convention** (Berg Show), Baltimore Convention Center, One West Pratt Street, Baltimore, MD, 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM

13 Mar. - **Associated Coin Club** Victory Villa Community Center, 404 Compass Road, Essex, MD Free Admission and Parking.

17 Apr. - **Annapolis Coin and Currency Show** - Knights of Columbus Hall, 2590 Solomon's Road (Route 2), Annapolis/Edgewater, MD 21037. 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM

12 - 14 Aug. - **Baltimore Coin & Currency Convention** (Berg Show), Baltimore Convention Center, One West Pratt Street, Baltimore, MD, 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM

3 - 4 Sept. - **Interstate Coin Club Show** - Venice Inn - Hotel Ballroom, 431 Dual Highway, Hagerstown, MD, Free admission and parking.

25 Sept. - **Annapolis Coin and Currency Show** - Knights of Columbus Hall, 2590 Solomon's Road (Route 2), Annapolis/Edgewater, MD 21037. 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM

8 - 9 Oct. **33rd Annual Maryland State Numismatic Association (MSNA),** Ocean City (Roland E. Powell) Convention Center, 4001 Ocean Highway & 40th Street, Ocean City, MD. Free admission and parking. Hours: Saturday - 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM; Sunday 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

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